

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 24, 25, 34-38, 41 and 42 are allowed, with claims 32, 33, 39 and 40 rejected. Claims 32, 33, 39 and 40 have been cancelled without prejudice and therefore the only remaining claims are claims 24, 25, 24-28, 41 and 42.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of applicants' claim for foreign priority under 35 USC §119 and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

Applicants have cancelled without prejudice the claims which were rejected under 35 USC §103 as unpatentable over Bassous, thereby obviating any further rejection thereof.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in this application is very much appreciated. In view of the fact that claims 24, 25, 34-38, 41 and 42 are the only claims remaining in the application, the application itself is believed to be in condition for allowance.

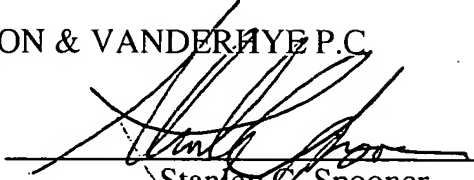
Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Official Action, it is submitted that claims 24, 25, 34-38, 41 and 42 are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully solicited. In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of the above application, he is respectfully requested to contact applicants' undersigned representative.

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